### **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2454**

January 18, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires private property owners with land containing graves or cemeteries to allow family members, descendants, or close friends of the persons buried there to access the cemetery or gravesite. Individuals conducting genealogical research would also be permitted access. Such individuals would be required to give reasonable notice to the owner or occupant of the property before entering the property and would be liable for any damage occurring as a result of their presence on the property. Eligible individuals who are denied access to these gravesites or cemeteries may seek relief in chancery court of the county in which the gravesites or cemeteries are located.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

# Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumption:

• Any cost to local governments resulting from chancery court proceedings would be offset by court fees.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director